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Moderator
MILTON ADAIR

Town Clerk
HARRY LANG

Selectmen
CHARLES WHITE CLYDE SHALLOW
CLEMENT GLEASON

Tax Collector
DONALD HAYNES

Supervisors
ERNEST PILBRO ANDREW JACKSON
ELERY ADAIR

Trustees of Public Library
BEATRICE WHITE JESSIE MacDONALD

Librarian
BEATRICE SWETT

Board of Health
LEW WALLACE

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
ELWIN PINCKNEY

Auditors
THELMA COVELL LOVELL OAKES

Trustee of Trust Funds
ORVILLE TRASK

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the three years ensuing.

3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.

4. To choose by ballot and major vote, Library Trustees for the year next ensuing.

5. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

6. To choose by ballot and major vote all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

8. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required by law.

9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise, in keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing as in their judgment seems most conducive to the best interests of the Town and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purposes the sum of $392.18; and the State will contribute the sum of $2,614.52.

12. To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the Selectmen to use the whole or a part thereof, of the surplus of money now in the Town Treasury for the purpose of lowering the tax rate for the year ensuing.

13. To see if the Town will vote to elect two or more road agents to serve the Town for the year ensuing and if two or more are elected, to define the limits of said districts that are to be covered by such road agents as elected; also to fix the price per day for the hiring manual labor, teams and trucks for work on town roads.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $48.04 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10 cents per $1,000 (1-100th of 1%) of the assessed valuation of the Town for the previous year, for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other towns of the region.

15. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct,

for the purposes of extinguishing fires, in said Town, and in event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

16. To raise sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur the debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing municipal year and to pay such debts out of the tax money when it is received.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's Deeds.

19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of the town charges for the ensuing year.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the purposes of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Selectmen, and all other officers and ratify and confirm the same.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new truck, snow plow, and wing, and appropriate money for the same.

23. To bring in your ballots for the election of delegates at large, alternate delegates at large, delegates and alternate delegates to the National convention of the various political parties to be held to nominate party candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

24. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals, this 21st day of February, A. D., 1952.

CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
CLEMENT GLEASON

Selectmen of Columbia

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, SS February 21st, 1952

We, Clyde Shallow, Charles H. White and Clement Gleason, Selectmen of the Town of Columbia, hereby certify that we posted a true and attested copy of the within warrant, at the place of meeting within specified, and a like copy at two public places in said town; and delivered to the Town Clerk on the same date, the original warrant.

CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
CLEMENT GLEASON

Selectmen of Columbia

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, SS February 21st, 1952

Personally appeared Clyde Shallow, Charles H. White and Clement Gleason, and made oath that the above affidavit, by them subscribed is true.

Before me,

LEON D. RIPLEY

Justice of the Peace

BUDGET

	Actual Revenue Prev. Yr 1951	Estimated Revenue Ensu. Yr. 1952
From State:		
Railroad Tax	117.84	117.84
Savings Bank Tax	16.61	16.61
Reimbursement a-c Exemption Growing wood and timber	6,614.84	7,733.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	50.55	
Bounties	25.00	
Refund on Class V Roads	337.20	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,205.37	1,205.00
Dog Licenses	90.00	90.00
Refunds	291.25	
Temporary Loans	8,000.00	8,000.00
Sale of Planks	35.00	
Cash Surplus	2,705.57	
From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes Reg. at $2.	382.00	380.00
Total Revenue from all sources except prop. taxes	19,871.23	17,542.45
Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes	26,038.64	

Purpose of Expenditures	Actual Expend. 1951	Estimated Expend 1952
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	841.00	1,150.00
Town Officers Expenses	883.92	1,100.00
Expenses of Town Hall	13.76	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Bounties	71.25	
Fire Department	496.62	1,000.00
Insurance	458.35	500.00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	25.50	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer	3,400.35	2,500.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	2,325.89	4,500.00
Class V roads	392.24	392.00
Gen Expenses Highway Dept.	695.95	
Lighting: Columbia Bridge, Town garage	46.69	46.69
Libraries		150.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	854.70	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,059.07	1,000.00
Cutting bushes	140.25	300.00
Defense Center	373.86	150.00
Abatement on taxes	173.40	
Temporary Loans	8,000.00	1,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	50.05	
Cemeteries	153.80	200.00
White Mt. Region Ass'n.	48.04	48.00

Taxes bought by Town	1,675.99	
Auto Permits	103.50	
County Taxes	2,797.42	2,797.42
School Taxes	18,314.00	21,000.00
Total Expenditures	43,395.60	47,833.42

TAXES ASSESSED

County Tax	2,797.42	
Town Poor	2,000.00	
Highways and Bridges	2,500.00	
Winter Roads	4,500.00	
Class V Roads	392.24	
Cemeteries	150.00	
Fire Department	1,000.00	
Town Charges	2,250.00	
White Mountain Region	48.04	
Cutting Bushes	200.00	
School Tax	18,627.90	
		34,465.60
Less Estimated Revenue:		
Reimbursement a-c growing wood and timber	7,733.06	
Auto Permits	908.68	
Dog Licenses	117.60	
Railroad Tax	116.76	
Savings Bank Tax	16.19	
		8,892.29
Plus Overlay		745.17
		26,318.48
Less Poll Taxes		392.00
		25,926.48

Tax Rate—$5.78

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expend.	Unexp. Bal.	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	1,150.00	841.00	309.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,100.00	883.92	216.08	
Fire Department	1,000.00	496.00	504.00	
Summer Roads	2,500.00	3,400.35		900.35
Winter Roads	4,500.00	2,325.89	2,174.11	
Town Poor	2,000.00	1,913.00	87.00	
Cutting Bushes	200.00	140.00	60.00	
Cemeteries	150.00	153.80		3.80

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN OF COLUMBIA

For 12 Months Ending December 31, 1951

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	$ 16,567.97
Due from State:	
Bounties	71.25
Unredeemed Taxes (from tax sale account of)	
(a) Levy of 1951	1,667.57
(b) Levy of 1950	262.68
(c) Levy of 1949	37.39
(d) Previous years	60.31
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1951	196.80
(b) Levy of 1950	165.26
(c) State Head Taxes—Levy 1951	60.00
Total Assets	19,089.23

LIABILITIES

Due to School Dist., bal. of approp.	12,727.90
Due to State; State Head Taxes	1,134.50
Total Liabilities	13,862.40
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	5,226.83
	19,089.23

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Electric Plants	68,482.00
Land and Buildings	290,659.00
Mature Wood and Timber	1,400.00
58 Horses	6,150.00
530 Cows	69,980.00
64 Neat Stock	7,020.00
14 Goats	140.00
2 Hogs	100.00
250 Fowls	250.00
Sugar Orchard	300.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	13,079.00
Gas Pumps and Tanks	375.00
Mills and Machinery	3,800.00
Total Valuation	$461,735.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	13,180.00
Total Valuation less Exemptions	$448,555.00

SCHEDULE TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library: Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept., Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	6,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Total	$43,500.00

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1951	$12,914.17
State Treasurer, Bounties	25.00
State Treasurer, for State Head Tax Coll.	4.46
State Treasurer, Town Road Aid	337.20
State Treasurer, Refund on Forest Fires	50.55
State Treasurer, Refund on Timber Tax	6,614.84
Harry Lang, Auto Permits	1,205.37
Harry Lang, Dog Licenses	90.00
Savings Bank Tax	16.61
Railroad Tax	117.84
Colebrook National Bank, notes	8,000.00
Durwood Perry, refund on hospital bill	51.25
Social Security, from Wm. Romansky	240.00
Donald Haynes, Taxes 1951	29,547.43
Donald Haynes, Taxes 1950	387.56
Donald Haynes, Tax Sales	316.79
State Treasurer, for planks	35.00
Penalties on State Head Taxes	9.50
Total	$59,963.57

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 841.00
Town Officers' Expenses	883.92
Town Hall Expenses	13.76
Fire Department	496.62
Bounties	71.25
Columbia Bridge Lights	46.69
Vital Statistics	25.50
Winter Roads	2,325.89
Town Maintenance	3,400.35
General Expenses Highway Department	695.95
Town Poor	854.70
Old Age Assistance	1,059.07

Cemeteries	153.80
Schools	18,314.00
Taxes Bought by Town	1,675.99
T. R. A.	392.24
Auto Permits	103.50
Cutting Bushes	140.25
Temporary Loans	8,000.00
Interest on Loans	50.05
Insurance	458.35
County Tax	2,797.42
White Mountain Region	48.04
Refund on Taxes	173.40
Civil Defense	373.86
Total	43,395.60

Town Officers Salaries:

Thelma Covell, Auditor	6.00
Milton Adair, Moderator	5.00
George A Jackson, Supervisor	20.00
Clyde Shallow, Selectman	150.00
Charles White, Selectman	150.00
Clement Gleason, Selectman	150.00
Beatrice Swett, Librarian	60.00
Beatrice Swett, Janitor	15.00
Harry Lang, Town Clerk and Treasurer	150.00
Donald Haynes, Tax Collector and Dog Constable	135.00
	841.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Association of Assessors Dues	2.00
Coos County Register of Deeds	12.09
H. F. Carr. supplies	17.50
N. H. Tax Collector's Association, dues	3.00
Recording and Statisitcal Corp.	3.00
N. H. Town Clerk Association, dues	2.00
Andrew Jackson, piling wood	8.25
Leon D. Ripley, services	142.00
Charles H. White, expenses and supplies	32.69

Clyde Shallow, expenses	44.87
Harry Lang, supplies	25.00
Clement Gleason, expenses	30.00
Beatrice White, bookkeeping	100.00
Donald Haynes, supplies	17.26
Collector of Internal Revenue	26.90
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	34.11
Colebrook Sentinel, printing town reports	229.00
Colebrook Sentinel, tax bills	14.75
Colebrook Sentinel, printing notices	11.00
Elwin Pinckney, scaling	42.00
Richard Pinckney	22.50
Paul Parker	14.00
Elsie Annis, bonds	50.00
	883.92

Summer Roads:

Francis Chapple and truck	511.13
Noel Bedard	172.53
Ernest Laroche	84.20
Bernard Harding	86.38
Charles White	6.00
Maurice Buck, bulldozer	129.50
Wilbur Reynolds	4.50
Richard Harding	12.75
Aurora Poulin, gravel	8.80
Matthew Malovick	29.53
Arthur Gould and tractor	327.75
Roland Poutre	11.60
Kenneth Fox	131.70
Charlie Haynes and truck	77.50
Wesley Shallow	6.75
Sherman Gould	34.50
Earl Keach, logs for planks	88.40
Clare Becker and truck	125.85
Marsh and Ripley, gravel	35.00
Clyde Shallow and truck	39.75
State of New Hampshire, state grader	233.88
State of New Hampshire, chloride	87.75
Lynwood Phillips	140.90
Andrew Jackson	61.00

Lynn Smith	10.50
Harry Becker	12.75
Clyde Gray, gravel and loading	162.00
Donald Haynes	4.50
Lovell Oakes	234.20
Walter Collins and truck	147.50
Gordon Whitehill	6.00
Holman Bunnell and truck	5.00
Royal Bolduc, bulldozer	36.00
Wilfred Rainville, bulldozer	314.00
Total Summer Roads	3,400.35

Winter Roads:

Francis Chapple and truck plowing and sanding	311.28
Joe Valier	15.00
Noel Bedard	49.89
Alfred Valier	9.75
Ernest Laroche	1.88
Bernard Harding	1.88
Shatney Garage, welding	25.35
H. N. Marsh, repairs on truck	480.79
Charles White	20.05
Paul Poulin	9.00
Phillip Shallow	8.25
Alfred Bunnell	41.03
Arthur Gould	38.00
Herman Kenney	4.50
Kenneth Fox	9.00
Joe Bergeron, driving tractor	39.00
Guy Kenney	2.25
Sherman Gould	19.50
Clare Becker	307.45
Wesley Hartwell	1.87
Edwin Frizzell	27.75
Clyde Shallow, plowing snow, sanding	384.60
Town of Colebrook, plowing	30.00
State of New Hampshire, plowing, sanding	49.64
Ernest Drew	10.12
Lynwood Phillips	21.37
Wesley Phillips	7.50

Harry Becker	18.00
C. J. Lewis, gas and oil	323.44
Lovell Oakes, putting up snow fence	29.75
Wilfred Rainville, bulldozer	28.00
Total Winter Roads	2,325.89

Expenses:

Town Hall Expenses	13.76
Fire Department Town:	
Forest Fire back of Lyman Cemetery	97.40
Town of Colebrook Fire Department:	
Feb 23 Walter Stanton chimney fire	54.25
May 2 Forest fire back of Lyman Cemetery	131.75
Aug 23 Burton Danford's house	92.00
Oct 16 Mrs. Finley MacDonald house	36.75
Dec 19 Milton Adair house	84.47
Total Amount for Fires	496.62

Bounties:

Charles White	42.00
Clyde Shallow	2.75
Clement Gleason	26.50
	71.25

T. R. A.:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	392.24

Insurance:

Edwin Frizzell, insurance on town garage	75.00
Edwin Frizzell, insurance on town hall	227.25
Frank Marshall, insurance on truck	156.10
Total	458.35

Vital Statistics:

Harry Lang	25.50

Auto Permits:

Harry Lang	103.50

General Expenses Highway Department:

Total Amount	695.95

Columbia Bridge:

N. H. Electric Corp., lights	22.63
Town Garage, lights	24.06
	46.69

Town Poor:

Old Age Assistance for Etta Banfill, Seth Bunnell. Persis Hall, Francis Jacques, Marie Jacques, William Washburn, Alice Gee, Ivan Nason	1,059.07
Board and medical care for William Romansky	523.10
Lodging for Sweatts	4.10
Francis Jacques, hospitalization	288.50
Lincoln Smith, doctor's services	39.00
Total	1,913.77

Cemeteries:

	153.80

Schools:

Beatrice C. White, Treasurer	18,314.00

Temporary Loans:

Colebrook National Bank	8,000.00

County Tax:	
J. Arthur Sullivan, treasurer	2,797.42
Cutting Bushes:	
	140.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year I have recorded 13 births, 3 deaths and 3 marriages.

Licenses have been paid me on dogs amounting to

	$100.00
1 dog for 1950	2.00
49 dogs for 1951	98.00
	100.00
Less Clerk's fee	10.00
	$ 90.00

I have issued automobile permits amount to

	$1,205.37
12 permits for 1950	17.34
207 permits for 1951	1,188.03
	$1,205.37

These sums I have paid over to the Treasurer.

HARRY LANG
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1951	$12,914.17
Received from all sources	47,049.40
Total Receipts to date	$59,963.57
Less Selectmen's orders	43,395.60
Cash on hand January 1, 1952	$16,567.97

HARRY LANG
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Levy of 1951:

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Tax	25,926.48	
Poll Taxes	392.00	
Total Warrant		26,318.48
Yield Taxes		2,204.05
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		177.74
Poll Taxes		6.00
Total Taxes		28,706.27
Paid Treasurer 1951 Taxes:		
Property Taxes	26,038.64	
Poll Taxes	364.00	
Yield Taxes	2,079.79	
		28,482.43
Uncollected:		
Property Taxes	63.58	
Poll Taxes	32.00	
Yield Taxes	101.22	
Abatements	27.04	
		223.84
		28,706.27

Redeemed Lands of 1951, 1950, 1949, Previous years	316.79
Paid Treasurer 1950 taxes	371.85
Abatements 1950	31.70
Uncollected 1950 taxes	165.26
Paid Treasurer 1949 taxes	15.71
Abatements	18.18
Uncollected 1949 taxes	None

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of

	1951	1950	1949	Previous Years
Crete, Francis				60.31
Lafond, John			37.39	
Coauette, Denis	161.57	108.78		
Parker, Estella	33.73	13.20		
Brochu, Armond		53.01		
Pinard, Maurice	47.08	68.66		
Goodrum, Ernest		19.03		
Colley. Ernest	15.29			
Sims, Rupert	44.57			
Adair, Milton and Elery	12.40			
Adair, Milton and Elery	18.59			
Columbia Rose Granite	119.33			
Chapple, Kate	69.04			
Chapple, Francis	169.70			
Harding, Bernard	133.78			
Noyes, Chester	8.07			
Pinard, Wilfred	124.11			
Edwards, Karl D.	645.43			
Edwards, Karl D.	46.05			
	$1,648.74	262.68	37.39	60.31

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	1,115.00
Added Taxes	50.00
Total Commitment	1,165.00

Paid Treasurer:

Head Taxes		1,065.00
Penalties		9.50
Total		1,074.50
Abatements	40.00	
Uncollected	60.00	
		100.00
		1,174.50

I hereby certify that this report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD HAYNES
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Mary A. Walker Trust Fund Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank	$431.42
Warren Marshall Trust Fund Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank	76.06
Ellen Cleveland Trust Fund Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank	129.10
Henry Forristal Trust Fund Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	210.68
East Columbia Ladies Aid Society Trust Fund Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	214.97

ORVILLE TRASK

Trustee

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1951	$ 4.25
Received from fines and subscriptions	3.60
Paid for postage and supplies	.20
Cash on hand December 31, 1951	7.65
Circulation for 1951—1563	

B. SWETT
Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1951	$118.15
Paid for books	83.75
Paid for magazines	25.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1951	9.40
Number of books purchased—81	
Number of magazines purchased—5	

JESSIE MacDONALD
BEATRICE WHITE
Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I do hereby certify I have examined the books of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Selectmen and to the best of my ability find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

THELMA G. COVELL
Auditor

SCHOOL REPORT

MARCH 1, 1952

Moderator
HARRY F. LANG

Clerk
MARION E. WELLS

Treasurer
BEATRICE C. WHITE

Auditors
ALMON J. CRAWFORD HARRY F. LANG

School Board

JOHN H. MARSHALL, Chm.	Term Expires 1952
THELMA C. COVELL	Term Expires 1953
EDWIN C. FRIZZELL	Term Expires 1954

Superintendent of Schools
ERNEST B. DANA

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 19th day of March, 1952, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application

against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $10 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof.

10. If the foregoing article is adopted to see if the school district will authorize the School Board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the School District Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 21st day of February, 1952.

THELMA C. COVELL
JOHN H. MARSHALL
EDWIN C. FRIZZELL

School Board

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and the Citizens of the School District of Columbia.

Foreword

During this period of extreme uncertainty and concern for the future, a period of continually rising educational costs, it would seem that it might be well for us to consider briefly the over-all responsibility of our schools. It has been long recognized that one very important job is to provide the pupils with those tools of learning which will enable him or her to obtain and comprehend information to the extent that it may be used in subsequent steps in the learning process. For example, the child is taught how to read, write and to work with numbers in the early grades in order that he or she may become proficient in the use of these very necessary tools of learning during the following years. At any one of the sequential steps up the educational ladder, it is possible to determine more or less accurately the degree of understanding and retention of the concepts assimilated. Generally speaking, we are fairly sure of what has been learned academically, as the results can be seen, and of how it was learned insofar as observed activities are concerned, for we set them up.

As important as is the function of the school to help pupils to acquire the above mentioned factual information, however, of vastly greater importance is any assistance that may be given in the development of the attitudes, sound judgment and emotional stability which, in turn, will result in a type of conduct that tends to produce wholesome, happy and well adjusted individuals in society. To say it another way, possibly there is as much evidence about us which seems to indicate that there is perhaps as much likelihood of constructive application being used in a

given situation, as a result of learning how to do a certain kind of work well, as there is from the impressions gained by studying and discussing a particular concept at length. In other words, the chances of inculcating principles of good citizenship to the extent that they will be exemplified in action sometimes seem to be even more apt to stem from the proficiency developed in preparing for a chosen occupation or profession than from an exhaustive study of the value of these principles. If this is true, it would seem that there is need for additional emphasis upon supplementing the portrayal of our educational concepts by setting in motion, insofar as is possible, practical procedures to accomplish the desired objectives. In the final analysis then, our primary concern is to bridge the gap, if there be one, between the theoretical acceptance of our educational ideals and their actual accomplishment by doing all that we can to provide the required training techniques.

Teachers

We are extremely fortunate, during this period when the shortage of elementary teachers continues to be alarmingly critical, to again have veteran teachers in every position in the district. Ferne C. Fogg, a graduate of Keene Teachers' College and an experienced teacher, has been employed to teach Grades 5-8 at the Cone School. The teachers who have returned to work with us and their respective schools and grades are Florence B. Hughes, Church, Grades 1-4; Viola H. Sutton, Grand Division, Grades 5-8; and Mary S. Gray, South Columbia, Grades 1-4.

School Nurse

Mrs. Ethel S. Sturgis, R. N., employed to fill the vacancy in the school nurses position in this supervisory union created by the resignation of Phoebe H. Stevens, is well known in this area for the stellar work she has done during the past several years. A graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital School

of Nursing, Mrs. Sturgis is a veteran nurse with extensive experience in private, community, and institutional work in Washington, D. C., as well as in this and other states.

Enrollment and Attendance

The present enrollment is somewhat less than it was a year ago, as is indicated by a total of 81 in comparison to 88 at this time last year. The average percentage of attendance for the four schools in session during the past year was 93.36 and the average number of tardiness per pupil was .31. A breakdown of these data for each school may be found in a tabulation printed on subsequent pages in this report.

The number of pupils attending high school outside the district, 23, is the same as it was last year with 22 and 1 enrolled at Colebrook Academy and Stratford High School respectively. Tuition pupils attending Colebrook Elementary School, however, have decreased in number from 13 to 9.

Buildings and Equipment

Due to changes to be made in the nearby state highway by construction this spring, it was necessary to move the Cone School House to the back of the present lot during the summer vacation. Although the State Highway Department paid for the cost of the moving, the expense of putting the building in shape for school use was borne by the district. Construction work included a new cellar, chimney, sills, floor timbers, and ceiling. In addition the woodshed was shortened and remodelled for use as a cloak room, the roof was shingled on one side, and new electrical wiring and fixtures were installed. As the result of this work, the building provides facilities found in but few rural schools in the state.

As has been the custom, the condition of the remaining school buildings has been kept in a good

state of repair and maintenance. Again during the summer vacation period such work was done as was believed necessary to provide surroundings conducive to efficient school work.

Notes on the Budget

The School Board's Budget and requested appriation for 1952-53 is $26,748 as compared to $26,530 for the current year. This amount is reduced by an estimated income of $5,330, which leaves a balance of $21,418 to be raised by taxes by the town.

Miscellaneous

With the number of pupils taking advantage of the dental clinic, and with the periodic examinations and check-ups that are made with special attention being given to follow-up work in some cases in the regular health supervision, particular attention is given to the physical welfare of the pupils.

As is geneaally known, little change has occurred in the state aid picture as a result of any action taken by the State Legislature at the last session. The amount to be received by the Columbia School District, however, has been increased approximately $800 each year for the next two-year period.

Conclusion

May I again express my sincere appreciation to the members of the School Board, parents, teachers and citizens for all the help and cooperation received in our work together to maintain high standards in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST B. DANA

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts 1950-51

National School Lunch	$ 39.70
State Aid	4,555.26
Current Appropriation	21,914.00
Other Sources (Includes $116 wood refund)	192.02
Total Receipts from all sources	26,700.98
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1950	23.41
Grand Total	26,724.39

Payments

Administration:	
Salaries of District Officers	163.00
Supt's. Excess Salary	332.50
Per Capita Tax	224.00
Salaries of other Administrative Personnel	120.00
Supplies and Expenses	46.48
Instruction:	
Teachers' Salaries	9,527.46
Books and other Instructional Aids	169.97
Scholars' Supplies	674.95
Supplies and other Expenses	34.57
Operation of School Plant:	
Janitor Service	274.00
Fuel	620.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	226.23
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and Replacements	655.20

Auxiliary Activities:	
Health Service	335.17
Transportation	4,779.00
Tuition	5,268.42
Special Activities and Special Funds	64.02
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement	607.49
Insurance, Treas. Bonds, and Expenses	30.00
Total Current Expenses	24,152.46
Total Payments for all Purposes	24,152.46
Cash on Hand at end of Year, June 30, 1951	2,571.93
Grand Total	26,724.39

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Columbia of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALMON J. CRAWFORD
HARRY F. LANG

June 30, 1951 Auditors

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries of District Officers:

Lynn M. Gray, Auditor, 1950	$ 3.00
Mary C. Gleason, School Board	40.00
Thelma G. Covell, School Board	40.00
John H. Marshall, School Board	40.00
Beatrice C. White, Treasurer	35.00
Marion E. Wells, Clerk	2.50
Harry F. Lang, Moderator	2.50
	163.00

Supt's. Excess Salary:

State Treasurer	332.50

Per Capita Tax:

State Treasurer	224.00

Salaries of other Administrative Personnel:

John H. Marshall, Census—South	20.00
Thelma G. Covell, Census—East	10.00
Mary C. Gleason, Census—East	10.00
Barbara A. Davis, Office work	39.42
Marion E. Wells, Office work	40.58
	120.00

Supplies and Expenses:

R. E. Lane, Census cards	1.43
Ray A. Hicks, Envelopes	16.00
Ernest B. Dana, Office Expenses	14.72
Colebrook Special School Dist., Office expenses	14.33
	46.48

Teachers' Salaries:

Marion V. Daley, 1949-50	68.83
Colebrook Nat'l. Bank, Withholding tax 1949-50	26.90
Florence B. Hughes	1,890.86
Viola H. Sutton	2,014.00
Mary E. Gray	1,933.75
Gladys P. Fearon	1,971.18
A. Irving Forbes	514.87
Colebrook National Bank, Withholding tax	250.70
Teachers' Retirement System, Assessment	671.87
Ursula K. George, Substitute	9.00
Gladys M. Brackett, Substitute	49.50
Ferne C. Fogg, Substitute	63.00
Marion E. Wells, Substitute	27.00
Claire G. Owen, Substitute	36.00
	9,527.46

Books and other Instructional Aids:

Ginn and Company, books	25.39
Rand McNally & Company, maps with racks	33.97
Laidlaw Brothers, language books	97.95
Row, Peterson & Company. books	9.42
Scott, Foresman & Company, workbooks	3.24
	169.97

Scholars' Supplies:

Edward E. Babb & Company, supplies	76.69
J. L. Hammett Company, supplies	62.26
The Art Centre, paint	28.09
Scott, Foresman & Company, workbooks, cards	92.28
Gledhill Brothers, supplies	44.59
The Macmillan Company, workbooks	13.99
Phillips Paper Company, duplicator films	7.72
Rand, McNally & Company, workbooks, maps	12.31
Charles E. Merrill, phonic sets	2.15
Junior Scholastic, magazines	9.90
Colebrook Special School District, crayola	10.80

Houghton, Mifflin Company, tests and workbooks	7.14
American Education Press, weekly readers	49.75
World Book Company, tests	8.44
University of New Hampshire, tests	3.20
The Ruwe Pencil Company, pencils	9.06
The Sentinel Publishing Company, newsprint	2.00
Keene Teachers' College, Our Home State	2.13
Central Scientific Company, supplies	.46
Mainco Trading Company, paper and supplies	220.49
The Papercrafters, crayola	11.50
	674.95

Supplies and other Expenses:

Webster Publishing Company, record books	4.56
Noble & Noble Publishing Company, book	2.52
Scott, Foresman & Company, cards	6.93
Arlo Publishing Company, set of books	13.80
The Beckley-Cardy Company, book	2.26
The Macmillan Company, reference book	1.47
Ernest B. Dana, office expense	3.03
	34.57

Janitor Service:

Jacqueline Haynes, cleaning two school houses	24.00
Mrs. Verne Reynolds, cleaning three school houses	26.00
Robert Kenney, Church—janitor	33.00
Gerald Haynes, Grand Division—janitor	54.00
William Reynolds, Jr., South Columbia—janitor	54.00
George Flanders, Cone—janitor	54.00
Verne Reynolds, mowing yard	8.00
Thomas Mercer, Church—janitor	15.00
Allan Hughes, Church—janitor	6.00
	274.00

Fuel:

Paul Poulin, piling wood	10.00
Lynn Parkhurst, wood	587.00
Roger Haynes, piling wood	17.00
Verne Reynolds, splitting wood	6.00
	620.00

Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

N. H. Electric Corporation, Lights 1950-51-52	103.87
Public Service Company, Lights	55.81
The Peck Company, towels	36.00
Proctor and Gamble Company, soap granules	11.70
C J. Lewis, bombs, floor oil	8.10
P. A. Hicks & Sons, supplies	1.75
E. F. Royal Company, brooms	9.00
	226.23

Repairs and Replacements:

Linwood Phillips, shingling Union School house	105.00
Bryant's, Texolite, padlocks	8.90
Bernie A. Gray, repairing	151.25
P. A. Hicks & Sons, supplies and shingles	120.94
Treffle Hebert, plumbing supplies	5.45
John H. Marshall, trucking lumber and shingles	3.00
J. R. Jackson & Son, shingles	124.91
Henry Fournier, lumber and labor	34.75
Robert Wilson, glazing	1.00
Wilson Hamilton, labor	100.00
	655.20

Health Supervision:

Phoebe H. Stevens, Nurse	292.03
Brainard's Pharmacy, medical supplies	7.25
R. S. Sawyer Company, Health record forms	2.55
American Red Cross, First Aid books	12.00
E. G. Staats & Company, Health ribbons	1.00

Teachers' Retirement System, Nurse assessment	20.34
	335.17

Transportation:

Ernest W. Drew	1,416.00
Joseph E. Bergeron	1,416.00
William V. Reynolds	1,947.00
	4,779.00

Tuition:

	High	Elem.	Total
Colebrook Special School District	3,932.82	985.60	4,918.42
Stratford School Dist.	350.00		350.00
	4,282.82	985.60	5,268.42

Special Activities and Special Funds:

Philip Morris, Soft balls and balls	13.59
School Lunch Account, school lunch	39.70
P. A. Hicks & Sons, supplies	1.35
J. E. Faltin, transportation apples	7.88
Joseph Sullivan & Company, trucking apples	1.50
	64.02

Retirement:

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System, District's assessment	588.90
State of New Hampshire, Supt's. assessment	18.59
	607.49

Insurance, Treas. Bonds, and Expenses:

Elsie M. Annis, Treasurer's bond	10.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, Insurance	20.00
	30.00

BUDGET 1952-53

(Compared with the Budget for 1951-52 and Expenditures of 1950-51)

	Amt. Spent 1950-51	Budget for 1951-52	Proposed Budget 1952-53
*Salaries of Dist. Officers	163.00	175.00	175.00
*Supt's. excess salary	332.50	400.00	335.00
*Per Capita Tax	224.00	292.00	268.00
Salaries of other Administrative personnel	120.00	160.00	150.00
Supplies and expenses	46.48	130.00	100.00
Teachers' Salaries	9,527.46	10,000.00	10,450.00
Books and other aids	169.97	300.00	250.00
Scholars' Supplies	674.95	320.00	300.00
Supplies and other expenses	34.57	100.00	75.00
Salaries of Janitors	274.00	400.00	375.00
Fuel	620.00	600.00	400.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	226.23	200.00	200.00
Repairs and Replacements	655.20	350.00	200.00
Health Supervision	335.17	350.00	330.00
Transportation	4,779.00	5.000.00	5,000.00
Tuition, Elementary	985.60	1,500.00	1,000.00
Tuition, High	4,282.82	5,500.00	6,300.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	64.02	33.00	50.00
*Retirement	607.49	610.00	680.00
Insurance, Treas. bonds and Expenses	30.00	60.00	60.00
New Equipment		50.00	50.00
Totals	24,152.46	26,530.00	26,748.00

*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries of the district officers are determined by the district. A relationship, which takes into consider-

ation school membership and assessed valuation, determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for personnel employed by the supervisory union. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the per capita tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount for Teachers' Retirement.

ESTIMATED INCOME OF THE DISTRICT

State Aid	$ 5,330.00
School Board's Budget	26,748.00
Requested Appropriation	$21,418.00

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE 1950-51

School and Teacher	Grade	No. Pupils	No. Boys	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Percentage of Attendance	No. of Tardinesses Per Pupil
Church: Florence B. Hughes		28	16	23.19	24.67	94.00	.00
Gr. Div.: Viola H. Sutton		23	13	19.79	21.29	92.95	.34
Cone: Gladys P. Fearon		20	10	15.49	16.73	92.58	.90
So. Columbia: Mary E. Gray		25	12	20.56	21.89	93.92	.00
Totals		96	51	79.03	84.58	93.36	.31

TEACHERS' CONTRACTED SALARIES 1951-52

Florence B. Hughes, Church	$2,300.00
Viola H. Sutton, Grand Division	2,300.00
Ferne C. Fogg, Cone	2,300.00
Mary E. Gray, South Columbia	2,300.00
A. Irving Forbes, Music, District's share	541.98

NURSE AND SALARY

Ethel S. Sturgis, District's share	$363.00

JANITORS AND SALARIES

Robert H. Hughes, Church	$55.50
Betsy L. Hartwell, Grand Division	55.50
Wayne Delong, Cone	55.50
William Reynolds, South Columbia	55.50

TRANSPORTATION

Transporter	Rate Per Day	No. Carried	Dist. One Way
Ernest W. Drew, Church and Grand Division	8.00	20	8.5
Joseph E. Bergeron, Church and Grand Division	8.00	21	6.0
Verne M. Reynolds, South Columbia, Cone and Colebrook Elementary	11.00	44	18.9

ENROLLMENT

Church, Grades 1-4, 25; Grand Division, Grades 5-8, 23; South Columbia, Grades 1-4, 19; Cone, Grades 5-8, 14. Total 81.

TUITION PUPILS AND RATE

	No.	Rate
Attending Colebrook Elementary	9	85.00
Attending Colebrook Academy	22	200.00
Attending Stratford High	1	175.00
	32	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., DURING YEAR 1951

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
1951				
Aug 28	Lucinda Gayle Adair	Milton Adair	Elizabeth Bennett	Columbia
1885				
Sep 26	Leon John Barnett	Frank Barnett	Ella Lyndon	Columbia
1871				
May 5	Lillian May Barnett	Sherman Barnett	Ann Holden	Columbia
1951				
Sep 17	Baby Boucher	Arnold Boucher	Madeline	Columbia
1868				
May 8	Clark M Marshall	Warren Marshall	Elnora Marshall	Columbia
1951				
Oct 12	Lyman Roy McKiege	Lyman McKiege	Blanche Reynolds	Columbia
Feb 1	Jennie Elsie Smith	Glenn Smith	Ruth Kenney	W Stewartstown
1934				
May 14	Warren Edwin Dibbetts	Gene Dibbetts	Nora Bunnell	Columbia
1951				
Nov 28	Millard James Crawford	Almon Crawford	Mary Ellen Wells	W Stewartstown
Dec 15	Shereen Leona Smith	Lynn Smith	Helen Jackson	W Stewartstown
Sep 24	Lucinda Sue Shoff	Lang Shoff	Iva Jordan	W Stewartstown
July 30	Mary Elizabeth Chapple	Francis Chapple	Mary Washburn	W Stewartstown
Aug 4	Eric Frank McCann	Leonard McCann	Nellie Carney	W Stewartstown

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., FOR YEAR 1951

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname	Age	Name of Parents of Groom	Name of Parents of Bride
1951				
Oct 21	Perley Everett Davis	22	Homer Davis	Lew Wallace
	Janice Audrey Wallace	22	Ruth Hammond	Gladys Clark
Nov 3	Durward Charles Ducret	23	George Ducret	A B Frizzell
	Dorothy Louise Frizzell	21	Doris Hapgood	Catherine Martin
May 19	Herman Gordan Kenney	30	Guy Kenney	Haden Ross
	Ethelyn Ross Heath	25	Elsie Richardson	Vesta Nile

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CO LUMBIA, N. H., DURING YEAR 1951

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Sex	Condition	Place of Death
1951							
Jan 15	Charles J Jacques	66	2	22	M	Married	W Stewartstown
Jul 30	Walter F Whalen	49			M	Married	Columbia
Oct 29	Robert G McKeage	61	8	6	M	Divorced	W Stewartstown